GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AYURVEDA,YOGA & NATUROPATHY,UNANI,SIDDHA AND HOMEOPATHY (AYUSH)
LOK SABHA

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MoU with World Health Organisation
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Will the Minister of AYURVEDA,YOGA & NATUROPATHY,UNANI,SIDDHA AND HOMEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to promote traditional medicine through education and skill development across the country and worldwide;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT and country-wise;

(c) whether the Government has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the World Health Organisation (WHO) in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the target fixed for the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA,
YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)
(a) & (b): Yes, the Government has various plans to promote traditional medicine through education and skill development across the country and worldwide.
The Central Government is promoting and regulating education on Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy systems in the country through its regulatory bodies namely, (i.) the Central Council of Indian Medicine and (ii.) Central Council of Homoeopathy.
The Government of India has approved and notified Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) on 29th September 2014 which envisages better access to AYUSH services; strengthening of AYUSH educational institutions, facilitate the enforcement of quality control of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy (ASU&H) drugs and sustainable availability of ASU&H raw materials by promotion of medicinal plants in the States/UTs during 12th Plan. Under NAM, the Government of India provides financial assistance to the States/UTs to develop and promote AYUSH systems of medicine including Ayurveda in the country through deferent activities. The details of activities are given at Annexure-I.
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The list of Universities offering higher education in Yoga is given at Annexure-II.
Ministry of AYUSH sets up AYUSH Academic Chairs in foreign Universities/Educational Institutes with the objective of undertaking academic/research programmes as per the requirements of the University. At present Ayurveda Chairs are functional in Debreen University and Rangsit University in Thailand.
The Ministry of AYUSH under its Fellowship Scheme offers Scholarships to foreign nationals to pursue UG/PG/Ph.D. courses in Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha & Homoeopathy in premier Institutes in India.
State/UT-wise number of colleges imparting education on Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy systems is given at Annexure-III.
(c) & (d): Yes, a Project Collaboration Agreement has been signed with the World Health Organisation (WHO) on 13.05.2016. Under the agreement, India has assigned to WHO the activities for development of the following WHO Technical documents/publications by 31.12.2020 for better International acceptability of Indian Traditional systems:
â€¢ Benchmarks for training in Yoga.
â€¢ Benchmarks for practice in Ayurveda.
â€¢ Benchmarks for practice in Unani Medicine.
â€¢ Benchmarks for Practice in Panchkarma.

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